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In re Patent Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: S. Zitomer

FOR: PRODUCTS FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS (as amended)

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June 15, 2000

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. (R)

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the original specification as follows.

Page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, insert --CROSS REFERENCE

TO RELATED APPLICATIONS-- on a separate line.

Kindly enter the attached substitute specification in lieu of the original specification.

REMARKS

Claims 26-69 are pending.

The attached substitute specification includes all changes to the specification made in this Amendment and the Amendment filed on June 2, 2000. It is submitted that no new matter has been added by these amendments or by use of the substitute specification.

As explained on June 2, 2000, Applicants expect the Examiner to require a substitute specification because of the number of amendments to the original specification and are providing such in advance of the requirement to expedite prosecution in this case.